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Mr. Stephen J. Adams, Cornish, Me., has consented to take charge of the study of the Swallows, A. O. U. Nos. 611–617 inclusive. He is ready to receive general notes relating to any and all species. Let every member contribute something to this report, which will be ready about July, 1897.

Other special subjects will be announced as they can be arranged for. It is hoped that a number of members who have not yet decided to attempt some special work will consider the matter favorably, and consult with the General Chairman about it.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. Sidney S. Wilson, 420 S. 10th St., St. Joeseph, Mo., and Mr. G. M. Burdick, Milton Junction, Wis., apply for active membership. Only adverse votes need to be sent to the Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Oologist. Vol. XIII., No. 5. May, 1896. The present number consists of fourteen pages of reading matter, exclusive of the ten pages of advertisements, etc. The excellent character of this paper is too well known to require mention here.

The Museum. Vol. II., Nos. 6 and 7. April and May, 1896. The present numbers consist of about twenty-eight pages each, sixteeen of which are devoted to interesting articles on general natural science. Special mention need not be made here of a paper so widely known.

The Iowa Ornithologist. Vol. II., Nos. 2 and 3. January and April, 1896. This "Quarterly Magazine, devoted to Ornithology and Oology, published for The Iowa Ornithological Association," presents a pleasing appearance externally, and contains much matter of interest and value to ornithologists over the entire country as well as in its own state. It is published by David L. Savage, at Salem, Iowa.

The Observer. Vol. VII., No. 4. April, 1896. The official organ of the Agassiz Association. "For People who See and Think." Pleasing in appearance, containing matter in all branches of natural science

written in popular scientific style, interesting and valuable in the home as well as in the study—this is *The Observer*. It is published at Portland, Conn., by E. F. Bigelow.

The Happy Thought. Vol. III., No. 6. May 23, 1896. "For the Family Circle, the Housewife and the Clubwoman." Among other matter of special and general interest, one page is devoted to "Walks and Talks in Scientific Fields."

The Editor has been asked to more fully state his plans concerning the Chapter BULLETIN. They may be stated briefly as follows: Beginning with January, 1896, the BULLETIN will be issued the last of every other month regularly.

It will contain twelve pages of reading matter during the rest of the present year—1896.

It will be mailed free to all paid up members and to all Honorary members, and the subscription to persons not members will be fifty cents a year.

Advertisements will be received *of members* at the rates offered in the circular dated February 27, 1896. Rates to persons not members will be given on application.

The matter which will appear in the BULLETINS is well illustrated by the present number. Short, concise articles of special interest will be welcomed occasionally The effort being to give the greatest amount of information in the least possible space, makes long articles of only general interest out of place.

Final Reports of all committees will be printed in full in this BULLETIN as soon as they are ready. Such a Final Report would necessarily take the place of at least one regular BULLETIN. It could never take the place of more than two BULLETINS.

As soon as circumstances will warrant, the BULLETIN will be enlarged in number of pages, containing sixteen or twenty in each issue. Its enlargement will depend upon two things: 1st, a decided increase in our membership. 2d, a respectable subscription list. Both are in the hands of members of our Chapter. The Editor will do what he can to increase both, but the members can do far more than he. It must be remembered that our limit of fifty to the active membership roll is nearly reached,

so that our efforts should be largely directed toward securing associate members. We should have an associate membership roll of at least fifty before the close of the year.

Back numbers of Chapter publications, including the *Semi-Annuals* and *Quarterlies*, may be had upon application to Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio, provided 15 cents in stamps is enclosed to pay postage. Extra copies of this and the preceding BULLETINS may be obtained by those who can use them in securing members or subscriber.